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## By Telegraph

5.00 O'CLOCK.

## PLATT AT ALBANY.

He Has a Long Conference  
With Governor Morton in  
The Private Office.

## DOES NOT CARE TO TALK

BUT SAID WARREN MILLER'S  
INTERVIEW FROM BUF-  
FALO ABOUT HIMSELF  
WAS RIDICULOUS.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

ALBANY, N. Y., May 20.—An important political meeting of Republican leaders was held here today. What the result of the meeting may be is not known, but several Republican leaders, Tom Platt and Morton, were present.

The larger conference lasted only a few minutes, and then Mr. Platt and Governor Morton had a long session together in the governor's private room. This talk lasted fully one hour and a half.

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## DEMOCRATIC CONVENTIONS.

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DUBUQUE, Ia., May 20.—The Democratic state convention met late this morning. Chairman Ranck of the state committee announced the committee's choice for temporary officers. First was S. S. Wright for chairman. It was received with silence, that notwithstanding last night's agreement, foreboded trouble. He was given hearty welcome however when he formally was presented and spoke.

Chairman Wright was frequently interrupted by cheers, and when he mentioned the name of General Weaver, the silver men's enthusiasm broke into long applause. The speaker however created immense enthusiasm among anti-silverites by Boe's name which brought the convention to its feet and the cheer lasted five minutes. Cleveland's name was also cheered by the gold men.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CONCORD, N. H., May 20.—The New Hampshire Democracy was present in force today at the state convention. Harmony prevailed and there was no lack of enthusiasm. Business proceeded rapidly when the convention was once called to order in historic Phoenix hall.

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## AWFUL PLUNGE TO DEATH

A New York Lineman's Fall from a  
High Roof Today While  
Fixing Wires.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

NEW YORK, May 20.—Wires belonging to the Metropolitan Telegraph and Telephone company became tangled on a roof at 47 Peach street this morning. Foreman George Baldwin with Linemen Peter Pierson and John Sheehan was sent to make the necessary repairs. Pierson, who was known to be an experienced climber, was ordered to fix the wires on the top of the frail metal structure above the roof. While working the "sheo" in which the iron rods snapped and threw Pierson headlong over five stories to the street in plain view of the other men, his death was instantaneous.

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## METHODIST WORK TODAY.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

CLEVELAND, O., May 23.—Bishop Foster presided today. The first half hour was devoted to an attempt to prevent such

scenes of confusion as attended the nominations yesterday. It was finally decided to permit but one nomination and one second.

The first ballot for book-agent in the western book concern at Cincinnati was announced. The whole number of votes cast was 496. Louis Curtis received 496, and was thus reelected. The second ballot for junior agent at New York resulted in 496 votes being cast of which Maguire received the highest, 188, with no choice.

On the fourth ballot Dr. Manis was elected to the New York position. A fourth ballot was needed to elect Dr. Jennings' second agent of the western concern.

## THE OLD KEROSENE STORY.

As a Result One Man is Dead and Another Fatally Burned at Providence.

[Special Dispatch to the Transcript.]

PROVIDENCE, May 20.—Francisco Maccucci was suffocated and Michael Ricci was so badly burned that he cannot recover by a fire discovered in a boarding house conducted by Joseph Ricci on Spruce street at an early hour this morning. When first seen flames were sweeping through an entry and stairway which furnished the only means of egress, and twelve or fifteen persons were asleep on the second and third floors who found escape out. Several jumped from the balcony to the second floor, others leaped from the third floor windows to the second story balconies and from thence to the ground while others were taken through the windows by the firemen.

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## IN CONGRESS TODAY.

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*Note that record of six incites me to the other world; but I do know that I never was so mean as to despise a man because he was poor, because he was ignorant, or because he was black.*

—John A. Andrew.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 20, 1896

NO TIME FOR COWARDS IN NORTH ADAMS.

"During all the telegraphic clamor about McKinley and the American Protective association in San Francisco daily papers editorials have been written against the organization and have been columns in the opposition of the American Protective association to McKinley, but still there are the able editors who direct these organizations unaware of what is in the telegraphic columns. But it is only seemingly that they are not aware. They are not afraid. They do not even comment upon this opposition to McKinley for fear of getting into trouble. Some of them had their fingers burned by meddling in the local controversy between the American Protective association and the Roman Catholic clergy some months ago."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Yes, and there are those in North Adams just as cowardly, who would stand aside in the peace and order and good name of this community were in danger of disgrace by violence and mob rule, and dare open their mouths. When violence is imminent it is indeed time to speak out. It is time for every good citizen, regardless of what his creed, his beliefs or unbeliefs may be to declare: "We do not want, and we will not have, any disgraceful violence in this community; we and order shall prevail before everything else." Only the coward shrinks from the duty of speaking the true word at such a time, and only the bigot or fanatic condemns that true word.

We're like the spirit of Mayor Strong of New York city, when approached in a time of that city's greatest need for "alarm and caution than to about taking a fearless and pronounced course in regard to the politicians, replied to one of the boss's demands from Platt: "I see him not. So we say to any man in this community who takes offense at the TRANSCRIPT's effort to uphold law and order irrespective of fanaticism and creed.

## 1. HERE MAN IS INFERIOR.

While man is claiming his many superiority to woman, there is one point in which he is her inferior, the art of being somewhat near the same in temper and spirit at all times.

In the house-cleaning time this fact may be observed. We observed a case in point on the other evening. A man and his wife got into trouble with their stove. It was the old, old trouble with the stove-pipe and the wobbly stove legs. The stove had the better of the whole argument, but when the controversy was ended, the woman was cheerful and singing in a few minutes, but the man was embittered by his poor showing in his contest with the stove, remained sulky all the evening, failing to be comforted and went to bed mad about it—man-fashion.

And about man's spirit in general as compared with woman's: Few persons have the art of having the blues without inflicting them upon their friends. The consequence is that the average man makes himself a perpetual nuisance, a bore at dinner parties and good cheer in general. The view that it is better to be honest and show how you feel is an absurd one. This is one of those cases when it is imperative in the individual to play the hypocrite. It doesn't do to act as a germ centre for the diffusion of misery. If a man is unhappy, his condition is not bettered when he has reflected to the same condition. Ever blessed is the man who is always the same. It does not matter what reasons he has for depression; for he manages to turn a smiling outside toward the world. This is a feminine accomplishment. Men have less of the art of concealment than women. This is one reason for the subjection in which woman holds humanity. The very knowledge that she does not feel as she looks only increases the mystery that surrounds her.

## HERE'S SOME INFORMATION FOR OUR OFFICERS.

From the city charter: "Section 59. All laws relating to the town of North Adams when this act shall be accepted as herein provided, shall, until altered, amended or repealed, continue in force in the city of North Adams, so far as the same are not inconsistent therewith."

From the by-laws of the Town of North Adams: "Police Regulations, Section 5. Three or more persons shall not continue to stand or remain in a group or near to each other on any sidewalk or in any public place in such a manner as to obstruct a free passage for foot passengers, after having been requested by a constable or police officer to move on, and any person who shall violate any provision of this by-law, shall be liable to a penalty of not less than one dollar nor more than twenty dollars for each offence."

At the present time there is any danger of a street riot in North Adams, our guardians of peace can recall and enforce this particular law with profit.

More than this, the same police regulation can be enforced every night to good advantage on the streets in this city.

Here Cardinal Gibbons' position on the church and politics: "We are proud to say, that in the long history of the gov-

ernment of the United States, the great Catholic church has never used or permitted its acknowledged power by seeking to make political subservience its own advancement. Moreover, it is our proud boast that we have never interfered with the civil and political rights of any who differ from us in religion. We demand the same rights for ourselves, and nothing more, and will be content with nothing less. Not only is it the duty of all parties distinctly to set their faces against the false and un-American principles thrust forward of late, but much as I would regret the entire identification of any religious body as such with any political party, I am convinced that the members of a religious body whose rights, civil and religious, are attacked will naturally and unanimously espouse the cause of the party which has the courage openly to avow the principles of civil and religious liberty."

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has enjoyed, or perhaps it would be better to say suffered, an excess of publicity during the past week in connection with his appeal to the local courts of Brattleboro, Vt., for protection against an obnoxious brother-in-law who had threatened him with bodily injury. This exploiting of Mr. Kipling's domestic troubles is unfair and unnecessary, even when the necessities of the sensational newspaper are taken into account. It can be accounted for only by the strained relations which Mr. Kipling has established between himself and reporters for the newspapers. As Horace Greeley once said, the newspaper man's revenge is like the mills of the gods, not always swift but very sure to come at last.

An improvement in the market for American securities is reported from London, where a great deal of interest is said to exist as to McKinley's financial views.

The corroborate to some extent the report that foreign investors are waiting anxiously for the outcome of the silver agitation in the United States, and the prediction that as soon as it becomes clear that the people of the United States are in favor of maintaining the gold standard there will be rush of investment in American securities that will put an end to the plethora of money in the money centers of Great Britain. Couldn't McKinley hurry this time a little by speaking?

"The attacks made by Platt on McKinley are untruthful, infamous and outrageous. They are false and unfair. They are most unwise. Platt either will have to retract them before the convention or he will have written himself out of the Republican party into the ranks of the Democrats. Platt cannot support the Republican nominee unless he retracts them. They are absolutely unfounded and unjust. I never heard of such an attack from such a source."—Warren Miller.

Here is the first threat for the next Republican administration and a serious one too: "However, the next Presidential election may go," says the Denver Republican, "it is absolutely certain that no protective tariff bill can be passed through the Senate until bimetallism is re-established by act of Congress. The St. Louis Convention will do well to make a note of this fact, for it is a fact."

Before the days of the Forty-niners the world's production of gold was only about \$30,000,000. Now it is \$200,000,000 and mounting rapidly. If an overproduction of gold must come, let it come.

Some one has very sagaciously observed that Tom Platt may not be drowning but is catching at all the anti-McKinley straws in sight on the political waves where he is now almost submerged.

THE EDITOR'S SHEARS.

FOR TODAY.

THE FISHER MAIDEN'S SONG.

Oh! oh! the herring is coming!  
The breezes are hummin'  
Alot flies the nail!

The seagulls are teemin',  
And fighting and screaming,  
A drift on the gale!

Oh! oh! the west wind is veering,  
The fishing fleet steering  
Through whirlwinds of spray!

Oh! lads, how merry  
To speed the fishery  
Over the pillow way!

Oh! oh! my heart leaps towards her;  
My friend is aboard her,

My true love, my king.

He feasts upon danger,

The daring sea ranger;

When hurricanes sing!

Oh! oh! now down the black hollows,  
O'er deep and o'er shallows,

A glorious ride!

May good luck betide him,

And cheer him and guide him,

Safe home to his bride.

—HALMER HJORTH BOYSEN.

MAY.

Thou merry month complete,  
May, the very name is sweet!

May was Maid in olden times,

And is still in Scottish rhymes—

May's the month that's laughing now,

I no sooner wrote the word,

Than it seems as though it heard

And looks up and laughs at me,

Like a sweet face, rosily—

Flushing from the paper's white;

Like a bride who knows her power

Started in a summer bower.

—LEIGH HUNT.

TO SINK A WELL.

The Windsor Company is trying another experiment at Briggsville.

The Windsor Company has decided to sink an artesian well at Briggsville. The water continues to flow from the bank there in undiminished volume and as readily as it was at the start. An eight-inch pipe will be put down and it is hoped to reach the source of the water supply and bring the water to the surface clean.

What the result of the experiment will be it is impossible to foretell. The work of sinking the well was begun Tuesday. It is an expensive job for the Windsor company, but the trouble in one that must be remedied if possible and the work will not be abandoned until success is achieved or all efforts fail.

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## Fitchburg Railroad.

Corrected Dec. 10, 1895.

Leave North Adams going East—11:27 a.m., 11:44 a.m., 12:22, 1:14 p.m., 4:09 p.m.

Going West—7:30, 10:06 a.m., 12:30, 1:34, 3:00 p.m., 4:08, 11:46, 4:29, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45, 11:46, 12:45, 1:45, 2:45, 3:45, 4:45, 5:45, 6:45, 7:45, 8:45, 9:45, 10:45.

Train Arrive from Boston—10:08 a.m., 12:16, 1:24 p.m., 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00 p.m.

From Worcester—11:27 a.m., 1:15 p.m., 2:22, 4:10, 7:00 p.m., 2:20 p.m.

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Train Leave North Adams, Going South—8:20, 9:35 a.m., 12:15, 3:05, 6:05 p.m.

Train Arrive from South—8:29 a.m., 12:05, 3:55 p.m., 6:30 p.m.

ADAMS LINE.

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ALL DRUGGISTS ACROSS THE CITY.

## SUBURBAN NEWS. Happenings of Interest in Our Neighbor Towns.

occur Thursday evening in Goodrich hall. This is the first debate in the codrse.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Smith returned from Cambridge, N. Y., today.

### BLACKINTON.

Mrs. H. Kirke White left today for her home at Albion, Mich., Miss Kate Arnold of North Adams accompanied her.

The concert this evening at Union church promises to be a grand success, many tickets having been sold.

A very pleasant evening was spent at Oak terrace Tuesday evening when O. A. Archer and family entertained several friends from North Adams. The former Universalist quartette of North Adams rendered several selections, refreshments were served and with billiards, the evening was made a very enjoyable one. The party consisted of Mrs. E. N. Arnold, Miss Kate Arnold, Miss Bessie Reagan, John McIntyre, John Howes, Jesse Hadfield and Miss May Reynolds all of North Adams.

Edwin Ashton and Herbert Taft returned home from Washington, D. C. this morning, when they went to attend the funeral of George Taft. Mr. Ashton says the floral offerings were very elaborate and speaks in the highest praise of the Washington people.

### READSBORO ITEMS.

—Dr. Elmer saw a deer near his house recently.

—O. R. Buel of Wilmington was in town Friday.

—Amasa Fish has moved on to the Elson Bishop place.

—Mrs. Emma George has been to Greenfield on a week's visit.

—Mrs. Henry Mann of Wilmington visited at her father's, W. W. Burnett's, last Sunday.

—W. S. Kelley of Boston was in Readboro a few days last week.

—Edward Lebeau has moved into Mandeville's bakery building.

—Meno Dupreault lost his watch Monday while fighting the forest fire.

—The City band has been engaged to play at West Halifax Memorial day.

—J. H. Sumner and son of Hoosac Tunnel visited at A. M. Crosier's Sunday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Edward E. Elmer are the proud parents of twin girls, born May 12.

—Station Agent Crosier has a new Keating bicycle purchased of L. H. Crosier's agency.

—H. Bassett has moved on to the Newell Pike place and is working for Truman Greenslitt.

—P. Rogan and Edward Lebeau, Jr., were in town Sunday. They came from Wilmington on their bicycles.

—The special train Sunday brought about fifty from Wilmington to attend services at the Catholic church.

—Rev. E. R. Putnam returned from conference Friday and services were resumed at the Methodist church Sunday.

—Daniel Carpenter and wife drove to North Adams Tuesday and will visit friends in that city and Stamford. Mrs. Carpenter will remain about a week.

—The railroad company commenced to run a special butter car Monday on the morning train. It gives the farmers in this valley a chance to dispose of their butter product through a good many in this town have regular customers who take all they can make.

—The concert Saturday evening by the City band drew a large crowd and the general verdict seems to be that the concert was the best the hand ever gave. The Italian band also gave a concert on the east side of the river the same evening. By a little effort a band concert could probably be arranged for every Saturday evening, one band playing one week and the other the next. It would be hard to find another town of its size that has as much musical talent in it as Readboro. We now have two bands, an orchestra and a drum corps.

—The lecture Thursday evening by Rev. R. C. T. McKenzie in the Methodist church was deserving of a better attendance than received. Mr. McKenzie is a fine speaker and his lecture on the "Pessimistic Side of Life" is very instructive and profitable. How many people there are in this world who always look at the dark side of everything. The speaker told many incidents of everyday life illustrating pessimistic characters which were amusing and at the same time showed how bigoted and unreasonable human beings can be come. He dwelt at some length on the subject of theology and bore down hard on the so-called christians who go about with long faces as if all joy in this life had departed. He was in favor of a broad and grand theology and did not believe in teaching eighteenth century doctrines to people of the present day. He said theology must keep pace with other advances in this age of enlightenment. No one can attend such a lecture without being benefitted and those who failed to attend Thursday night missed a rare treat.

—A sizable forest fire.

The early freight train Monday morning set fire to the dry brush near the track a short distance below the paper mill and a big fire was the result. The unusually high wind that morning caused the fire to spread rapidly and the mill was soon in danger, besides there was no telling where it would stop.

The mill hands laid their line of hose,

but this was inadequate. The fire department was called out, also the help in the chair shop and some lively work was done. The fire raged furiously and the men had a hard time getting it under control. It was about 8:30 when the men were called out and it was nearly noon before it was all out. The wind blew sparks in all directions. Several times did a fire catch across the river near the houses on Stowe street, but the "bucket brigade" did not allow it to get under way.

There were at least a hundred men at work and they were a tired set, too, when their work was over. The fire was prevented from getting into heavy timber so the real damage done is small.

### WOODFORD.

Mrs. E. Gleason is able to ride out.

Harry Walker and Miss Lizzie Belliner of Bennington spent Sunday in town.

James Ritchie and wife are at Eagle Bridge with Mrs. Ritchie's daughter who is ill.

Miles Gardner of Pownal visited with Lyman Bowles Saturday and Sunday.

James Higgins is at Granby, P. Q., with his brother, Almon, who is very low with consumption.

George Graves and Charlie Dewey of Bennington have rented Mr. Knapp's cottage at Fisgrove for the summer.

Mrs. George W. Bickford last week

spent a few days with friends at Cambridge, N. Y., and Lake George.

Two new bicycles are spinning along the street beneath George Knapp and George Wood.

The showers Sunday were light, but

gladly welcomed. It is very dry. There

is a prospect of much fruit if there is sufficient moisture.

We saw Mrs. H. L. Wald the other day

and she appears like a new woman since

being treated by Newell.

The date for State Superintendent Stone

to visit Wilmington and Woodford has

been changed to June 1 and 2.

C. W. Cutler stepped on a nail and is

now going on crutches as a result.

### SHERMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Vincent of Charle-

mont visited at George Plumb's over Sun-

day.

One of the Italians employed at the lime kiln fell from the trestle last Satu-

rday and was quite badly hurt. Dr. Ward

attended him.

Mrs. Lora Jilson spent Sunday at home.

Can we not have a Sabbath school again

this summer?

Oral Plumb is chopping wood for George

Plumb.

Mr. Brooks and wife have finished work

Mr. Bailey and moved to Adams.

### SAVOY CENTER.

L. Burnett and wife of Adams visited

his son, Homer H. Burnett, last Saturday

and Sunday.

Norman Greenslitt and family of Florida

visited at his father's, W. W. Burnett's,

last Sunday.

Mrs. Frank Perkins, formerly of Monroe, is stopping at Theodore Burnett's for a while.

Charles Miller's two girls of Cheshire

are visiting at A. J. McCulloch's.

Mr. J. Raymond, who has been in poor

health for a long time, has gone to Haw-

ley to stop with her son, Fred Raymond,

for a short time.

Prof. Dodd of Wilmotown is prepar-

ing his "Hide Away" cottage for his sum-

mer residence and has been there several

times this spring.

### GROVE.

Myron Alger, a Frenchman who has

worked in town and at Grove through

sugar season in company with his brother

Frank, recently settled a fuse over a

stolen team, borrowed from White's

livery stable to go to Algiers. Instead

they were found by the officers the next

day at Bellows Falls, having driven miles

further and the horse was well used up.

They immediately settled the costs.

Robert Legate remains very ill with

pleurisy.

Mrs. Burnett is expected home from

Northfield soon where she has been for

treatment with no great benefit.

We consider the TRANSCRIPT one of

our best papers and we have several good

ones, too. Has the TRANSCRIPT come?

It is the call every week.

Andrew Voss, the Washington painter,

has just finished a portrait of Secretary

Olcott which will be hung in the office

of the attorney general, and is not painting

Senator Blair. The portrait of Mr. Olcott

is considered a masterpiece.

John Ruskin is evidently near the end

of his life. His memory is gone completely

and he imagines that he is in danger of

starvation. He has given away enormous

sums during his long life, and it is a fact

that his generosity has left him compara-

tively poor.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

*Special Dispatch to the Transcript.*  
Boston, May 20, 12 m.—  
Washington Forecast for Massachusetts—Fair tonight and Thursday, warmer Thursday.

## PRAISES THE TURKS

Clara Barton Speaks in High Terms of the Sultan and Porte.

HAVE AIDED IN THE RELIEF WORK  
All Her Requests Granted and Suggestions Favorably Acted Upon—Government Offers To Supply Seed to the People in Need of It.

Washington, May 20.—Secretary Olney has received a letter from Miss Clara Barton, in which, referring to rumors that she was prohibited from distributing relief in Asia Minor except under direction and control of the Turkish authorities and from lists of persons furnished by Turkish officials, she emphatically denies that any members or officials of the Turkish government have ever tried in any way to direct or control her distributions. She adds: "Sir Philip Currie has done and is doing splendid work in facilitating the labors and distributions of the heroic missionaries; the Anglo-American operations, through consuls and missionaries, and in a general way our own efforts. But our greatest successes are due to the unselfish efforts and sound judgment of our legation officers, through whom we are working, and also for the reason that both palace and porte have confidence in the ingenuity of our purpose and the integrity of our personal. As the Turkish government is thoroughly convinced that there is no political significance attached to our visit; that we have no sectional interests to serve and certainly no radical prejudices, there have been no requests which have not favorably acted upon. Our every desire has received respectful attention, careful consideration and cordial concession."

**Kindly Interest of the Government.**  
"The latest evidence of kindly interest in our work, shown at both palace and porte, has just been brought to us by Mr. Gariglio, first dramatog of our legation, and is as follows: 'If our men find that the people are in need of seed for planting, they are to apply to the governor of the place for it. If he cannot furnish it they are to telegraph us, and upon our request the porte will at once issue the necessary orders for the seed. In going from place to place, if our men find people who are anxious to plant their fields but are afraid to leave their homes for that purpose, they are to inform us of such by telegraph, and upon our request ample protection will be ordered by the porte.'

**TO SECURE A GREAT METEORITE.**  
Negotiations for a Steamer To Conduct Peary to Greenland.

St. Johns, N. F., May 20.—Negotiations are being conducted here by Capt. John Bartlett, commander of the arctic steamer Kite last summer, to produce a steamer to take Lieut. Peary, the famous explorer, north next month on an expedition to secure the immense iron meteorite lying near Cape York, Melville bay. Lieut. Peary tried to bring the meteorite home last year, but did not have apparatus strong enough. He will take a complete outfit this time. The project for another expedition under the auspices of the University of Pennsylvania is believed to have collapsed.

**NO FARDON FOR MCKANE.**  
Albany, May 20.—The statement was made at the executive chamber last evening that there were no grounds for the revival of the report that Gov. Morton was giving serious consideration to the pending applications for the pardon of John Y. McKane, who is in Sing Sing prison. Nothing has developed of late in the McKane case to warrant the belief that it is likely to receive executive attention.

**Indicted for Diamond Smuggling.**  
Philadelphia, May 20.—The grand jury in the United States district court has brought in true bills of indictment against Herman Keck, a diamond merchant of Cincinnati, Capt. Frank Loewitz of the American line steamer Rhynland and other persons to the grand jury unknown, on the charge of attempting to smuggle 563 diamonds into this port.

**Testmaster Nominations Confirmed.**  
Washington, May 20.—The postmaster has confirmed the following postmaster nominations: Maine—F. N. Noyes, Gardiner; James Hudson, Guilford; S. B. Guthrie, Gorham; C. E. Parker, Phillips' Phone Island—J. H. Keith, East Greenwich.

**NEW YORK MARKETS.**  
Wheat—Spot steady, but inactive. May, 68½c.; June, 68½c.; July, 68½c.; Corn—Spot prices steady, but dull. May, 35½c.; June, 36½c.; July, 35½c.; Oats—Spot steady, with fair trade. May, 24½c.; July, 24½c.

Pork—Spot trade quiet, old figures. Extra prime, nominal, short clear, \$0.50@\$1.00; family, \$10.25@\$1.00; mess, \$8.75@\$0.75.

Lard—Contracts slow and featureless. May, \$4.65.

Butter—Receipts are quite heavy and prices are steady. Creamery, new western extra, 16c.; state and Pennsylvania, seconds to best, 15½@14c.; creamery, western, 13½@14c.; state dairy, half-hairkin tubs, fresh, factory, 12c.; state dairy, half-hairkin tubs, seconds to firsts, 11½@12½; western imitation creamery, seconds to firsts, 9½@11½c.; western factory, firsts to extras, 9@10c.

Cheese—Home trade light, fancy stock bringing former prices. State, full cream, large size, fall made, colored, choice, 9½c.; late made, choice, 8½@9½c.; large, comnor, to choice, 7½@8½c.

Eggs—Unchanged, but choice grades continue fairly active. State and Pennsylvania, extra, fresh, 10½@11c.; I.C.L.; southern, 8½@9½c.; western, fresh, 9½@10½c.; duck, 12½@14½c.; goose, 15@16c.

Potatoes—Old potatoes in light demand, and the market is weak at present low prices. State rose, per double head barrel, 75c.; Hebron, per double head barrel, 50c./70c.

**Minor League Games.**  
Springfield, 7; Rochester, 6; Syracuse, 2; Providence, 1; Buffalo, 13; Scranton, 8; Toronto, 3; Wilkesbarre, 2; Hartford, 17; Newark, 4; New Haven-Wilmington game postponed on account of wet grounds.

**Standing of the Clubs.**  
Per W. L. Cr. W. L. Cr. Cincinnati, 17; 9; 6½; Chicago, 15; 12; 5½; Cleveland, 15; 8; 6½; Washn. 13; 13; 5½; Boston, 16; 9; 6½; Brookln. 10; 13; 4½; Pittsbhg., 14; 9; 6½; St. Louis, 9; 17; 3½; Baltimore, 10; 9½; N. York, 8; 17; 3½; Philadelphia, 11; 11; 5½; L'ville, 5; 21; 1½.

**Buffalo Carpenters' Strike.**  
Buffalo, May 20.—There is no material change in the carpenters' locks since yesterday. A number of employers have conceded the demand for eight hours, but a number of others have discharged such of their men who refused to work nine hours.

**College Games.**  
Holy Cross, 4; Brown, 1; Lehigh, 10; University of Virginia, 6; University of Vermont, 15; Dartmouth, 8.

**Treasury Gold Reserve.**  
Washington, May 20.—Treasury gold reserve is down to \$13,310,106, \$36,900 being the withdrawals yesterday.

**Buffalo's Famous Hound Dead.**  
Friedrichsruhe, May 20.—Prince Bismarck's famous hound Tyran II died yesterday from old age.

**Ryan and Maher Matched.**  
Buffalo, May 20.—Tommy Ryan and "Shadow" Maher have been matched for a twenty-round contest, to take place about June 22, both men to weigh in at 154 pounds, or less.

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**Becker and Creegan's Flight for Liberty.**  
Newark, N. J., May 20.—Judge Kirkpatrick has allowed a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Charles Becker and James W. Creegan, alleged to have swindled the Nevada bank of San Francisco out of \$20,000. The writ is returnable on Monday when San Francisco detectives are expected to appear and identify the prisoners.

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